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Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

1-32. (cancelled)

33. (New) A method for sequencing nucleic acid, the method comprising the steps of: amplifying nucleic acid obtained from a biological sample;

hybridizing the amplified nucleic acid to a complementary nucleic acid sequence to form one or more duplexes;

adding at least one nucleotide comprising a detectable label to said duplex, wherein said nucleotide comprises a free 3' hydroxyl and is not a dideoxy nucleotide;

identifying said nucleotide comprising said detectable label; and repeating said adding and identifying steps, thereby to determine the sequence of said nucleic acid.

- 34. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said amplifying step comprises polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification.
- 35. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said amplifying step comprises cloning.
- 36. (New) The method of claim 33, further comprising immobilizing said one or more duplexes on a substrate.
- 37. (New) The method of claim 36, wherein said one or more duplexes are immobilized such that said one or more duplexes are individually optically resolvable on said substrate.

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38. (New) The method of claim 33, wherein said detectable label is an optically-detectable label.

- 39. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said optically-detectable label is a fluorescent label.
- 40. (New) The method of claim 38, wherein said optically-detectable label is a chemiluminescent label.